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Experience the Holidays with the Arts at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea Dec. 20

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BEREA, Ky. – On Saturday, Dec. 20, visitors to the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will experience the arts with woodcarving demonstrations and music as the Berea Welcome Center Carvers demonstrate a variety of holiday carvings and the musical trio Raison D'Etre performs holiday selections.



The Berea Welcome Center Carvers will demonstrate holiday carvings that show a range of woodcarving styles and techniques from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Carvers in this group often mentor each other, and all enjoy sharing their love of woodcarving, making their demonstrations at the Kentucky Artisan Center a mix of humor, technique and storytelling.

Photo: Ornaments by Will Bondurant, of Berea.

Berea Welcome Center Carvers live in many communities in central Kentucky, and their activities include carving classes, carving demonstrations at schools, Kentucky Artisan Center demonstrations and special events.

Also Dec. 20, visitors throughout the center can enjoy live music performed by the musical trio Raison D'Etre, playing holiday favorites from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Raison D'Etre features Violet Rae Webster, Vickie Ellis, and Roberta Schultz, a trio of versatile musicians who put their fine vocal harmonies to good use in everything from Shaker hymns to holiday favorites. With varied backgrounds in musical theater, classical piano, radio, theater and folk instruments, the group combines their talents into a unique mix. Versatile as singers, they also play piano, drums, guitar and banjo to accompany their singing with fresh rhythms.



Raison D'Etre has appeared at key venues including the Singletary Center for the Arts in Lexington, Glema Mahr Center for the Arts in Madisonville, Leeds Center for the Arts in Winchester and the Kentucky Center for the Arts in Louisville.

Recordings by Raison D'Etre are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. Special exhibits on display include "Put a Lid on It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans," through Feb. 28, 2015; and on display in the lobby is an 18 foot "Let it Snow" theme decorated Christmas tree featuring artisan ornaments and gifts. For more information about events call 859-985-5448, go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center.

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